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Docket No. 2005-238-C - Application of Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications Services, for Alternative Regulation, and for Waiver of Certain Commission Rules – Name Change

and

Docket No. 2005-407-C - Application of Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated for Authority to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange Service - Name Change

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objections to the request of Sprint Long Distance, Inc. to change its name to Embarq Communications, Inc. ORS has reviewed this request and agrees that this name change should separate the Sprint Long Distance identity from Sprint Communications L. P. to a stand-alone telecommunications company. In addition, the name change to Embarq Communications, Inc. should eliminate confusion in the company's dealing with regulators, other government agencies, vendors and customers.

Sincerely

James M. McDaniet

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